

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 4, 6, 11, and 13 through 20 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6, and 14 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 9 and 12 have been canceled herein. Claims 1, 6, and 14 are the only independent claims pending in the application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is being added.

This Amendment After Allowance ("Amendment") ensures that the patent issuing herefrom will be in the best possible form. No additional claims are presented. Given the Examiner's familiarity with the present application, it is respectfully submitted that full consideration of this Amendment will not require any additional search, more than a cursory review of the record, or any materially-added work, time, and effort on the part of the Office. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.16, pages 700-229 and 700-230 (Eighth Edition, Rev. 2, May 2004).

Favorable reconsideration, entry of this Amendment, and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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